

# The Yellowstone News



April 10, 2003

Next Deadline: May 7, 2003

## DIRECTOR'S AWARD

Doug Smith recently won the 2002 Director's Award for Natural Resource Management for the Intermountain Region. Doug's nomination will be forwarded to Washington for the national competition. The award cites Doug's management of the wolf program. Doug has been instrumental in designing science-based wolf management procedures and disillusioning many of the myths surrounding wolves. He is recognized nationally and internationally as a wolf expert and has furthered wolf conservation efforts over a broad geographic area.

## NOTE OF APPRECIATION

To Whom it May Concern,

Last June, I visited Yellowstone National Park and camped for a week. This was my first time to Yellowstone – I loved it. I loved each experience from the ranger talks to the hikes to the amazing beauty of our land. And now, I cannot wait to return.

I wanted to send a brief note thanking the hard workers of Yellowstone for a great trip and memory. I know how hard and how long the hours can be working at a National Park and I just wanted you to know how appreciated it is to a visitor.

I wish I lived closer to volunteer or help out in some way. Please let me know if there is anything I can do from afar.

Thanks again,

Kathy Arnold  
Chicago, Illinois

## DEAR EMPLOYEES THROUGHOUT YELLOWSTONE,

The Public Affairs Office received a letter suggesting *The Yellowstone News* should include more information about Yellowstone National Park employees throughout the park. National Park Service and concessioner employees at all locations are encouraged to submit articles that would be of interest to Yellowstone employees, such as winter experiences, employee acknowledgments or any other interesting news from your area. The next deadline for newsletter items is Monday, May 7, 2003.

We also encourage you to send your comments and suggestions about the newsletter for future issues to [Yell\\_Public\\_Affairs@nps.gov](mailto:Yell_Public_Affairs@nps.gov), fax to (307) 344-2014, send via interdepartmental mail or to Public Affairs Office, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190. Please encourage other employees throughout the park to participate. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Yellowstone News is a monthly employee newsletter that is published by the Public Affairs Office. To submit articles, notices of events, classified ads and announcements, please email [Yell\\_Public\\_Affairs@nps.gov](mailto:Yell_Public_Affairs@nps.gov), fax to (307) 344-2014, call (307) 344-2013, send via interdepartmental mail or to P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190.

## SPRING ROAD SCHEDULE

Yellowstone National Park roads have closed to over-snow vehicles and spring plowing is in progress. Roads will open to the public at 8:00 a.m. on the day listed (subject to road and weather conditions) as follows:

- April 18** Mammoth to Norris Junction to Madison Junction to Old Faithful and Madison Junction to the West Entrance
- April 25** Norris Junction to Canyon Junction
- May 2** Canyon Junction to Lake and Lake to the East Entrance
- May 9** Tower to Tower Fall, Lake to West Thumb, West Thumb to Old Faithful and South Entrance to Old Faithful

The following roads may open as early as May 2 if snow and plowing conditions allow, or as soon thereafter as possible:

Cooke City via Colter Pass to the Chief Joseph Scenic Highway intersection to the Long Lake Gate

- May 23** Sunlight Junction and Long Lake Gate over the Beartooth Highway, Tower Fall to the Chittenden Road and Canyon to the Chittenden Road trailhead

## ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Several road construction projects are scheduled throughout the park. Visitors should be prepared for delays and closures. Road construction projects and schedules are listed below.

### Madison Junction to Norris Junction:

Road construction will begin April 15 and continue to mid-September. The road will be open 24 hours a day with 30-minute delays. It will be open without delays during holiday weekends. The first phase of this road project should be complete by mid-September, and the road will remain open until it closes as scheduled in November.

### Canyon Junction to Tower (Dunraven Pass):

The road north from Canyon Junction to the Chittenden Road on Dunraven Pass will be **closed** all season. Visitors will still be able to access the Chittenden road from the Tower Junction side; the road south of Tower Junction will **remain open**.

### Canyon Junction to Fishing Bridge (Hayden Valley):

Beginning early spring: **OPEN** with 30-minute delays from 5:00 a.m. to midnight

After July 4: **OPEN** with possible one-hour delays from midnight to 5:00 a.m.

# **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PERSONNEL NEWS**

## **Welcome to Yellowstone:**

Jason Johnson  
Park Ranger – East Entrance  
from Lake Roosevelt National Recreational Area  
EOD 02/23/03

Steven Iobst  
Chief of Maintenance  
from Grand Teton National Park  
EOD 03/23/03

Matthew Johnson  
Park Ranger – Interpretation – Old Faithful  
Superior National Forest of Minnesota  
EOD 04/06/03

Carmen Doyle  
Assistant Human Resources Officer  
from Gettysburg National Memorial Park  
EOD 04/20/03

## **Reassignment:**

Timothy Townsend  
Park Ranger - Old Faithful  
EOD 03/09/03

Eric Reinertson  
Biological Science Technician – Grant Village  
EOD 04/20/03

## **Permanent Appointments:**

Karen McEneaney  
Public Affairs Assistant  
EOD 02/02/03

Danny Replogle  
Engineering Equipment Operator – Grant Village  
EOD 03/23/03

## **Permanent Appointments continued:**

Glenn Stewart  
Engineering Equipment Operator  
Old Faithful  
EOD 03/23/03

Tasha Felton  
Cultural Resources Technician  
Yellowstone Center for Resources  
EOD 04/06/03

Connie Fitzgerald  
Business Management Assistant  
Mammoth  
EOD 04/13/03

Troy Nedved  
Biological Science Technician  
West District - Madison  
EOD 04/20/03

## **Promotions:**

Daniel Diefenbach  
Engineering Equipment Operator  
Old Faithful  
EOD 03/23/03

Thomas Kirchner  
Maintenance Mechanic Supervisor  
Canyon  
EOD 04/06/03

Amy Moldenhauer  
Administrative Support Assistant  
West District  
EOD 04/06/03

## **Peer Award:**

Justin Hadwen  
Biological Technician

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **Yellowstone Association Institute Volunteer Positions**

The Yellowstone Association Institute is looking for generous, hardworking individuals or couples to support our educational programs. We are hiring for the following positions:

**Historic Arch House volunteers** are needed to provide support for courses based out of Gardiner, Montana, and Mammoth Hot Springs. Primary responsibilities will include welcoming and orienting students, operating the Institute store, light food preparation, responding to public inquiries and cleaning vehicles and facilities daily. Volunteers will be expected to work 5 – 6 hours a day, Wednesday through Sunday. Good interpersonal skills and the ability to work independently are required. The Institute will provide an \$8.00 per day stipend for expenses. The Yellowstone Association Institute is looking for an individual or a couple to work either the entire season (May 16 – September 2) or 2–3 days a week. A recreational vehicle site with full hookups is available for full summer volunteers.

**Lamar Buffalo Ranch volunteers** are needed to help operate the Lamar Buffalo Ranch field campus and support Lamar-based educational programs. Primary responsibilities will include welcoming and orientating students, driving a 15-passenger vehicle, providing safety, group management and course logistical support for instructors, operating the Institute store and cleaning all vehicles and facilities daily. Volunteers will be expected to work a 40-hour week. Good interpersonal skills and the ability to hike 3–7 miles per day are required. The Institute will provide an \$8.00 per day stipend for expenses plus shared lodging in one of the 12-foot by 16-foot cabins. The Yellowstone Association Institute needs five people for this position from approximately May 14 to Labor Day.

All volunteers will work under the supervision of the Assistant Institute Program Manager who is based at the Lamar Buffalo Ranch. Volunteers must provide their own food and personal transportation. Any use of personal vehicles for Institute business will be reimbursed at \$ .32 per mile.

Commitment to the Institute's educational mission, excellent interpersonal skills, a valid and current driver's license and a desire to maintain the highest standards of cleanliness and hospitality are required for all positions. To apply for either of the volunteer positions, please contact Jenny Golding, Assistant Institute Program Manager at (307) 344-2591 or by email: [jgolding@YellowstoneAssociation.org](mailto:jgolding@YellowstoneAssociation.org).

### **Theatre Enthusiasts... Auditions**

The Gardiner Community Center needs your help in putting on a play "Uncle Zippo," a comedy appealing to all ages. Auditions are for the following characters: Uncle Zippo, a 60 year old man; Sadie, a 40 year old housewife; Will, a 40 year old husband; Stoney, a 40 year old (Will's best friend); Callie, a 40 year old female teacher; Professor Gimble, a 40 year old; Brittany, a teenage daughter; Jake, a teenage boy; and two small roles of a policeman and a female UPS employee. Auditions will be held at the Gardiner Community Center on April 10 at 6:30 p.m. For more information please call Debra at (406) 848-2225 (w) or (406) 848-2211(h) and/or Kelly at (406) 848-7541(w) or (406) 848-7308 (h).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...

### Rudolph Wendelin's Watercolor

A watercolor painting by a previously unidentified artist that has been in Yellowstone's museum collection since 1998 has recently been identified as Rudolph Wendelin (1910 – 2000). He worked for the U. S. Forest Service from 1933 until his retirement in 1973. He was best known for his illustrations of "Smokey the Bear." Although not the originator of "Smokey the Bear," it was under Mr. Wendelin's guidance after World War II that the bear changed from an animal with a long snout, fangs and fearsome claws to a bear with more human features. By the 1950's, the bear (now with the middle name "the") sported a ranger's hat and blue jeans. His claws had become hands, in which he always carried a shovel to better protect America's forests.

The Wendelin painting in the museum's collection is titled "To Be Set Apart As a Great National Park." It depicts the "Langford campfire story" of 1870, where according to legend, the idea of making Yellowstone a national park was first discussed. The Forest Service presented this painting to the National Park Service in 1972 to commemorate Yellowstone's centennial. According to Paul Schullery, it was displayed for many years in the Superintendent's Conference room.

The artist's signature is on the painting but very illegible, and numerous inquiries were made from various sources in an attempt to identify the artist, but these attempts proved fruitless. Then, the staff in the Curator's Office stumbled upon an image of the painting with the artist's name clearly written below this image. Once the artist's name was established, additional inquiries were made and one

was forwarded to Wendelin's daughter, Elizabeth, who was able to provide the title of the painting. She was also able to provide a wealth of information about the painting's history.



Now that the watercolor painting has been identified, it may be used as the cover illustration of an upcoming book titled "Madison Creation Myth," co-authored by Lee Whittlesey and Paul Schullery to be published by the University of Nebraska Press. The newly acquired information on this significant and important painting will be added to the accession and catalog records.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...**

### **The Mammoth Clinic**

The rites of Spring...It is time for your annual health check-up. It's warming up outside – time to rake your yard, clean out the closets and check up on your health. Livingston HealthCare is offering a spring health screen test at the Gardiner High School on Wednesday morning, April 23. Join us for a blood profile test that checks for diabetes and measures your thyroid function, kidneys, liver, cholesterol and more to ensure your health for the seasons to come.

**Wednesday, April 23, 2003**, at the Gardiner School Cafeteria from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.  
Sponsored by the Livingston **HealthCare**

#### **Blood Profile Testing\* \$40.00**

(Diabetes, Thyroid, Kidney, Liver, Cholesterol Screening and more)

\*This is a fasting blood test. Please consume nothing but water after 8:00 p.m. the night before.

#### **Prostate Specific Antigen \$17.50**

(Optional Blood Screening for males)

#### **ColoCare Kits \$3.00**

### **Fundraiser Concert...Wine and Cheese Reception**

The Electric Peak Arts Council will be hosting a fundraiser concert on Friday, May 9 at the Gardiner Community Center (formally the Eagle's Hall). Please join us for an evening of great music by three local musicians: Jenny Lynn Golding, Deb Guernsey and Virginia Warner. Tickets are available at the door for \$12.00 (includes wine) and \$10.00 (non-alcoholic beverages). Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Artwork donated by local artists will be raffled off. Proceeds will go to the Electric Peak Arts Council for the 2003–2004 season.

### **Volleyball Tournament**

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Gardiner Classic Volleyball Tournament directed by Brad Harbach will be held all day Saturday, April 12. As a fundraiser, the Gardiner Community Center (formally the Eagle's Hall) will be selling concessions at the Gardiner High School from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will also be a dance at the Community Center featuring the band "Midnight Express" from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. with a \$5.00 cover charge and open bar. The public is welcome. Come watch great volleyball action, eat and dance to your heart's content and support your local Community Center.

Volunteers are needed to help with the concession stand and dance. To sign up or for more information please call Karen at (406) 848-7904 or Elaine at (406) 848-9414.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...**

### **Ducks Unlimited Raffle Tickets**

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize - M70 Winchester Classic LT. 300 ultramag
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - Fly rod & reel with assorted flies
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize - half day guided fishing trip on Yellowstone Lake
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize - half day horseback ride for two people.

Tickets will be sold at the Food Farm for the next couple of weeks, and if you miss that, please call Phil Davidson at (406) 848-7667 or Dan Mahony at (307) 344-7712. Tickets are \$5.00 each or three tickets for \$10.00. The drawing is May 3, 2003.

### **24th Annual Park to Paradise Race – May 10, 2003**

It is not too soon to start training for the Park to Paradise Race. Registration is from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Carbella Fishing Access. Race begins at 10:30 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to help organize and coordinate the race. Call Ann Rodman at (406) 848-7033 or (307) 344-2216, if you are interested.

### **Weight Lifting Classes**

Mary Stringfield, RN and a Certified American College of Exercise Personal Trainer is offering weight lifting classes. Classes are held on Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Therapeutic Associates Physical Therapy Office located in the Yellowstone Village Inn. The following classes are available:

April 15 – May 5  
May 8 – May 29

Toning the Lower Body  
Fun with Stability Balls

The cost is \$30.00 each 4-week session. Please call (307) 344-7713 with any questions or to sign up.

### **Attention Yellowstone Employees and Community Members:**

The Yellowstone National Park School Board of Trustees is pleased to announce David Stringfield as the new principal for the Yellowstone National Park School. David will replace John Whitman who has served the community as school principal and teacher for the past 38 years. David has taught first and second grades for the past 12 years in the park school, but will begin a new teaching assignment next fall with fifth and sixth grades.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...**

### **Retirement – John Whitman, Principal**

After 38 years of teaching (1965-2003) in Yellowstone National Park, John Whitman is retiring. He has taught hundreds of students and has helped in the lives of many families who reside or have resided in Yellowstone. On May 24, 2003, a retirement party will be held at the Mammoth Recreation Hall to celebrate the legacy and the legend of a caring teacher. The cost will be \$17.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children which will go toward a gift for the Whitman's and the cost of a band.

#### **Schedule:**

4:00 p.m.	Social hour
5:00 p.m.	Dinner begins*
7:00 p.m.	Program
8:00 p.m.	Dance (country band)

\*Xanterra will provide the main course for dinner. Local residents please bring a potluck side dish and appetizers.

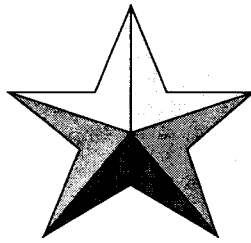
**Lodging** – Rooms have been block-booked. Make reservations with Xanterra Lodges by calling Tami Whittlesey, (307) 344-5518. Please mention John Whitman's Retirement Celebration.

**Volunteer Help Needed** – Local residents please call Mary McCaleb (307) 344-7772 or Joan Marty (307) 344-6595. Help make this an exciting tribute for John and Bev Whitman.

**Questions, contact, mailing address and more information:** c/o David Stringfield, P.O. Box 568, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190, call (307) 344-7713 or email: [johnwhitmanretires@hotmail.com](mailto:johnwhitmanretires@hotmail.com).

## **Please Register Early!!!**

# Art Contest



Electric Peak Art Council is looking for a logo. You can help!



Use your best creative instincts and skills to help us out and win!

## DETAILS

**WHAT:** Create on 8.5 X 11 inch white paper an artistic image of any medium that reflects the community of Gardiner/Mammoth and the importance of performing arts.

**WHO:** All students in grades 7 through 12 are eligible to enter. The members of the Electric Peak Art Council will select the winner.

**HOW:** Once you have completed your artwork, you can submit the finished product to Christina Cote at the Gardiner School

**WHY:** A prize of a \$100 U.S. savings bond, donated by the First Interstate Bank of Gardiner, will be awarded to the person who best reflects the mission of the Electric Peak Art Council. The winner will also receive a free ticket to a performance sponsored by the Electric Peak Art Council. The artwork will be used as the logo for the Art Council for one full year and will become the property of the Art Council.

**WHEN:** Artwork must be submitted by Friday May 2 at 2:00 p.m. All artwork will be displayed at the Gardiner Community Center on May 9. The winner will be announced at the Electric Peak Art Council's fundraiser featuring local artists on May 9.

**Mission Statement:** *The purpose of the Electric Peak Arts Council's is to enrich the rural communities near the North Entrance of Yellowstone National Park with performing and visual arts, by encouraging a diversity of artists to exhibit their work and allowing community members to attend concerts and exhibits; the art council mission is to foster the appreciation of art in people of all ages.*

## SECOND NOTICE

### MAMMOTH SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION - 2003

From: "RULES and PROCEDURES" developed and adopted on May 12, 1959 and later amended/accepted by the school board committee on January 13, 1987 and again September 30, 1997, procedures to be followed in the Election of Yellowstone National Park School Board are as follows:

The School Board will consist of three members as follows: Chairperson and two Members. Terms of office will be for three years and staggered in such a manner that one new member is elected each year.

One position on the Mammoth School Board will be open each year; the incumbent will serve a three-year term. A second position, Representative on the Gardiner School Board, will also be open every other year; the incumbent will serve a two-year term.

<u>Member*</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Rick Hoeninghausen	Member	06/30/05
Lori Gruber	Member	06/30/04
Andrew Mitchell	Member	06/30/03
Scott Cote	Representative	06/30/03

#### **ELECTORS:**

1. Voters must be 18 years of age or over.
2. All permanent employees of Yellowstone National Park, parents with a child in the Yellowstone National Park School, Park Concessionaires and Cooperating Agencies who live in Mammoth Hot Springs are eligible to vote. The spouses of employees listed in the above group are also eligible to vote.

#### **REGISTRATION OF VOTERS:**

1. All eligible voters are required to register at the National Park Service Administration Office, weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
2. Those who voted in last years' School Board Election need not register again this year.
3. New members of the Mammoth Community or qualified voters who **did not vote** in the previous school board election **must register** at the Administration Office to qualify for participation in this year's election.
4. Register at the Administration Office. Registration closes at 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 2, 2003.

5. Current registered voters are:

Joe Bueter	Karen Hoeninghausen	Diane Hall
Juanita Bueter	Rick Hoeninghausen	John Hall
Allan Bush	Dan Kirschner	Andy Mitchell
Barbara Bush	Duane Martinz	Charissa Reid
Sue Consolo-Murphy	Joan Marty	Tim Reid
Peter Galindo	Ellen Petrick-Underwood	
John Gruber	Eric Robinson	
Lori Gruber	Shannon Robinson	
Brad Harbach	Dave Stringfield	
Carmen Harbach	Bev Whitman	
Mary Hektner	John Whitman	

**NOMINATIONS for School Board Members:**

1. Any eligible voter, as defined under "Electors," is eligible for nomination as a candidate for membership on the School Board.
2. Nominations shall be filed with the Chairperson of the Election Board on a form provided for that purpose; a copy of which will be retained by the School Board voter who makes the nomination. The nominee must consent to having his or her name placed in nomination. A nomination form may be obtained from the Administration Office.
3. Nominations are now open and will close at 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 2, 2003.

**SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION:**

Tuesday, May 13, 2003 - Polls will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
The polling place will be the Administration Office at Park Headquarters in upper Mammoth.

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS:**

Voters who will be away from Mammoth on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots will be available upon application to the Park Service Administration Office and must be submitted by Monday, May 12, 2002.

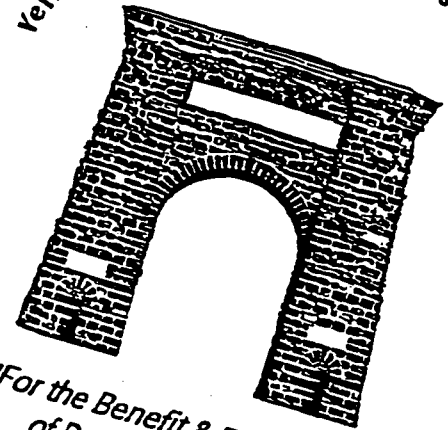
**REMINDER:**

Voters may obtain a copy of the Rules and Procedures (recently amended) to be followed in the election of the Yellowstone National Park School Board. Copies are available at the Administration Office.

**ELECTION BOARD:**

Chairperson: Joanne Timmins, Chief of Administration  
Members: Jean Nuetzel and Kris Peters

Yellowstone Federal Employees Association



"For the Benefit & Enjoyment  
of Park Employees"

**GREETINGS**  
From the  
**YELLOWSTONE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

**It's time again for the annual YFEA membership drive!**

To renew a membership, the following rates apply: \$1 per grade for permanent employees. Seasonal employees that work for six months or less are half price. Employee spouses, if not employed by NPS, may join for two-thirds of the employee rate, rounded to the dollar (\$.51 rounds up).

For new members, there is a one-time initiation fee of \$2, in addition to the above prices. Volunteers-In-Parks (VIP) may also join for \$2.

In addition to discounts at special events sponsored by YFEA, (great meals, parties, road trips, etc.) members may check out movies from the large YFEA Video Library, or obtain party permits. Members also are offered the opportunity to vote for officers.

Please send your payment to Kris Peters (Administrative office at Mammoth), along with the bottom portion of this sheet. A membership card will be sent to you at the address indicated below.

**COME JOIN YOUR COWORKERS IN SUPPORTING THIS STRUGGLING  
ORGANIZATION....YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID.**

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Cut or tear off and send with your payment to Kris Peters, Admin. Office, Mammoth

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FEE enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: GS/WG \_\_\_\_\_

Office address: \_\_\_\_\_

Status: Permanent \_\_\_\_\_ Seasonal \_\_\_\_\_ VIP \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**Veterinarian Visit:** Dr. James Murray, DVM of Livingston will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, April 11 and every other Friday thereafter. Call (406) 222-3700 if you would like to schedule an appointment for a home visit.

**Free:** Rust-colored love seat in fair condition and perfect for "rumpus room." Free to anyone who will pick it up at Canyon. Call Skip or Neysa evenings at (307) 242-7459.

**Wanted to Buy:** Bike trailer to fit two small children. Sling seat preferred. Call Mike at (307) 344-2623 or (406) 848-2448.

**For Sale:** Honda Odyssey Mini Van EX 2001 with 15,000 miles. Vehicle is in great shape. \$2300.00. Call Dick Divine after 5:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday at (307) 344-7349.

**For Sale:** Well maintained 1989 Polaris Trail Touring 488cc snowmobile. 9000 miles, all on groomed roads. New battery, clutch, drive chain and tune up in last 100 miles. This is a two-seat machine with electric start and reverse. \$1050. Will include a tow-sled listed below for free. Call Rick or Julie at (307) 543-9116.

**For Sale:** Snowmobile tow-sled with welded road on skids for better tracking. Excellent condition. Painted plywood floor and back with non-skid surface on the floor. Reflectors, hitch and safety chain. \$175 or free with snowmobile listed above. Call Rick or Julie at (307) 543-9116.